

**Camden County Council on Economic Opportunity
Camden, NJ**

Project Title	Dollar to Dollar IDA Program
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AFI Grant Amount	\$249,000
Nonfederal Support	\$249,000
Project Period	September 2002 – September 2007
Highlights	The Camden County Council On Economic Opportunity, Inc. (CCCEO) serves Camden—the largest city in the county and the second poorest city nationwide. They are building on an existing IDA program to offer 171 IDAs for first-time home ownership, post-secondary education, and microenterprise. Participant savings are matched \$2 to \$1 up to \$2,000 over a 36 month period. In addition to training, participants have access to childcare, crisis management, mentoring, peer support, and counseling. These services are provided through a network of over 15 programs and 30 community facilities in the area.
Target Population	Residents in the city's Empowerment Zone, and other low-income individuals in Camden County, New Jersey.
Grantee/Collaborative Description	CCCEO, the county Office on Economic Opportunity and a Community Action Agency, was established in 1965. CCCEO oversees a network of 45+ community service centers and programs. The agency's IDA program is supported by eight organizations in the areas of home ownership, entrepreneurship, and educational training. First Union is holding the reserve and participant accounts. Matching funds are from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.